patients attending these hospitals due to the admission of these small-pox patients, we have shifted the special small-pox sheds away from the hospitals.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—The object of my motion is to ask the Government to provide contagious sheds in villages. I shall take an example. There are many cases of small-pox in Trikkur. In that taluk the nearest contagious shed according to the Hon'ble Member is Irinjalakkuda or Chalakkudi. It is too much to expect that people from Trikkur would go 15 or 20 miles to a contagious shed. Moreover they do not know whether they will get admission there. Therefore in all likelihood they will not go. It is in such cases that I request the Government to put up at least temporary sheds in a central place easily accessible to a large number of patients. I want to know whether the Government is prepared to do that.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The suggestion put forwad is rather an inpracticable one in the sense that in every village we may have to put up sheds and appoint a temporary staff to look after the patients. It is a question of looking after the patients. Inferior types of servants who are appointed to look after the patients invariably have very little of humanity in them that they leave the persons themselves and go away. There is no use of building houses or renting houses and employing servants. There must be proper supervision and it is not possible to have proper supervision in such contagious sheds in distant villages. Unless some sort of centralised agency exists I no not think the idea of starting those sheds in every village will be a possible one.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I never said that it should be started in every village. It should be far away from the towns.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The present sheds are far away from the towns.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—In places where there are a large number of patients why can't you provide temporary sheds—at least one for three or four villages?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—If specific instances are brought to notice, Government will provide sheds.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—In the light of that assurance I withdraw.

Motion withdrawn with leave of the House.
Demand put and carried.

7. Land Revenue—Cranganur—Rs. 1,760.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Sir, I rise to move that this House will be pleased to vote an addition.

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al grant of Rs. 1,796 under Law Charges—Cranganur—Land Revenue. The reasons for this has been explained in the note put up before the Standing Finance Committee by the Secretary to the Diwan. Owing to the refractory attitude of the tenants and the passing of the new Malabar Tenancy Act, it has become necessary this year to file a large number of suits for recovery of the rent due on the properties of the Cranganur Estate in British Malabar. This involves additional expenditure.

The allotment that this House was pleased to grant at the Budget Session was only Rs. 500 and it has been mostly spent up, and we have got now 23 cases pending for which court fee papers have to be purchased and other litigation expenses have to be met. On a rough calculation an additional amount of Rs. 1,796 is wanted. It is an inevitable charge which no one can avoid, and I hope that the House will be graciously pleased to sanction the additional allotment asked for.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, *I move for the reduction of this allotment by Re. 1.*

My object in tabling this motion is to protest against the policy of the Government in raising the pay of the officers in these days of depression. In answer to one of my questions during the last session the Government told me that they have raised the pay of certain officers and the average financial commitment of it came to about 34 thousand rupees a year. I understand that the raising of the pay of some other officers is also under contemplation. I am not going to refer to individual cases. I know I would be courting unpopularity, if I do so, in some quarters by advocating retrenchment. So I am going to studiously avoid mentioning individual cases.

My position is this. The Finances of the Cochin State is for not so bright as it appears to be to some of you. As a matter of fact it may appear that at present....

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is for Cranganur and not for the State in general.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, I can do it. I had given this specific point as a reason for my motion. Since it has been allowed, I have every right to discuss it. There is absolutely no Rule, or Standing Orders which say that I can refer only to matters pertaining to Cranganur on a demand for Cranganur.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Some directions have been given to the Council Secretary by the President.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—To the Hon'ble Member also]

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I have also received a copy. I am asked not to refer to the pay of officers whose pay cannot be discussed in this Council.

Deputy President.—Non-votable items?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—For the information of the House I shall read the copy of the letter received by me from the Council Secretary regarding this token cut. It runs thus: "I have the honour, by direction, to inform you that in moving your cut motion under I—Land Revenue—Cranganur, you are to confine your remarks to officers of the Land Revenue Department whose pay is voted by the Council." I propose to speak on the policy of the Government in raising the pay in these days of depression.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The President has given a clear ruling that the Hon'ble Member must confine his remarks to the officers of the Land Revenue Department whose pay is voted by the Council.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, if you want me to confine my remarks to that Department I have no objection to do so. The Government has raised the pay in the Revenue Department.

Deputy President.—The Hon'ble Member said that he is not going to say anything on the other side.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—If so, I have no objection.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I ask them not to raise the pay of the officers any further. It is a general question. My reason is this. The finances of the State is not so bright as some of you think. These are days in which every Government is finding it very difficult to make a balanced budget. Somehow or other, luckily, for us, we had some surplus and we were able to get on without a deficit budget. Every other Government either in India or elsewhere.....

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Before the Hon'ble Member begins to say that there should not be an increase of pay, the question is whether there has been any increase of pay to officers whose pay is votable by this House. Only when a crime is committed, you can say "Don't commit it hereafter".

Deputy President.—The Hon'ble Member clearly stated that you are going to raise the pay.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—We have not raised and we are not going to raise so far as the Land Revenue Department is concerned.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is the pay of the Parvathiakarans and Village Menons and Revenue Inspectors raised? Is it not a votable item?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasuri Ranga Ayyar.—That was done in 1106, and it was voted by the House. The Hon'ble Member should say definitely that "you have done such and such a thing. Don't do it hereafter". The Hon'ble Member's argument is based on the assumption that something wrong has been done in the past. The Land Revenue Department was reorganised in 1106 and their pay was voted by the House in the budget session of 1106. Since then there has been no raising of pay in the Land Revenue Department and there is no proposal now to raise the pay. Where then comes the question of raising the pay?

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know what the point of order is? He may be unreasonable or irrelevant. There is no point of order.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Irrelevant things cannot be allowed. That is the point of order.

Mr K. Ayyappan.—We have a right to be irrelevant sometimes.

Deputy President.—Let Mr. Warriar have his say.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I cannot at present put my finger on the pay of any officer and say that his pay has been raised. The question that I asked was whether the pay of any of the officers of the State, after the advent of the present Diwan, has been raised and if so what its financial commitment is. The answer to it was that the pay of certain officers were increased and it amounted to 34 thousand and odd rupees. And so far as the Revenue Member is concerned, to the best of my recollection, a large portion of this 34 thousand was taken up for raising the pay of officers in his department and I understand that the Government is contemplating to raise the pay of other officers also. It is in this connection that I want to enter my emphatic protest against the raising of pay instead of making retrenchment in it. I think even during the budget session there was an incessant cry from the non-official Members for effecting retrenchment in pay. That was not done. It was probably because they were in a position to balance the budget of this year without taking recourse to it. And we never complained about it subsequently. But I do not think that the same will be the case in the next year. For one thing I can say that the Government has practically lost sight of the pitiable condition of the poor agriculturists. Probably they were able to collect the land revenue, the full amount, this year. I am sure they will

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not be able to do so in the next year, if the prices of paddy and other indigenous products do not rise. They will be compelled to give remissions. They do not know with what great difficulty people are paying the land revenue. As regards the Abkari Revenue,

Deputy President.—The Hon'ble Member will confine his remarks to the Land Revenue Department alone.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, I want to tell the Government that their sources of revenue will be crippled next year. I want to tell them that before it is too late. They will not be able to get the land revenue they got this year. The Abkari Revenue, I am sure, is bound to contract. So also the customs revenue. I would therefore in the light of these facts request the Government to consider all these facts before they raise the pay of officers. I understand that there are resolutions for effecting retrenchments and I shall reserve my further remarks for the present. With these few words I move the motion.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I was made to understand by the Secretary to the Council that the cut motion would relate only to the Land Revenue Department and to those officers whose pay is votable. I am not prepared to enter into a discussion of the general financial policy of the Government. It cannot be treated so lightly. Of course there are many resolutions tabled, some resolutions on the very same subject. We are not now prepared for the discussion of this cut motion. There has been no complaint and we are not going to raise the pay of any officer in the Land Revenue Department.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I don't press the motion.

Motion withdrawn with leave of the House.

The Demand was put and carried.

8. Police—Cranganur—Rs. 230.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 230 under Police—Cranganur.

The demand was put and carried.

9. Public Works—Cranganur—Rs. 14,952—3—0.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 14,952-3-0 under Cranganur—Public Works. This is on account of certain works provisions for which lapsed under unavoidable circumstances such as delay in taking possession of lands, etc., in 1106. The works concerned are metalling the Azhikode road to Padakulam-Eriyad road, construction of sheds to the Girls' School and the improve-

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